

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 348**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 15, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Free Conference Committee SB 348

Executive Action: Discussion on amendments to SB 348

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 348**

00:00:00 Chairman Essmann  
00:00:29 Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division, LSD

00:01:30 **Motion:** Sen. Black moved that **SB 348 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs80sb0348a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:02:17 Chairman Essmann  
00:04:22 Sen. Williams  
00:04:37 Rep. Wilmer  
  
00:05:19 Rep. Himmelberger arrived at committee meeting.  
  
00:05:36 Rep. Malek  
00:06:42 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:07:29 Chairman Essmann  
00:08:20 Rep. Malek  
00:09:21 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:12:43 Rep. Wilmer  
00:14:54 Sen. Williams  
00:16:45 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:20:10 Rep. Wilmer  
00:21:31 Rep. Malek  
00:22:04 Sen. Williams  
00:22:26 Rep. Wilmer  
00:23:28 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:24:24 Chairman Essmann  
00:24:54 Sen. Williams  
00:25:20 Rep. Wilmer  
00:25:51 Chairman Essmann  
00:25:59 Rep. Wilmer  
00:26:31 Sen. Black  
00:26:47 Sen. Williams  
00:27:33 Rep. Wilmer  
00:27:54 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:29:02 Chairman Essmann  
00:30:25 Sen. Williams  
00:30:52 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:31:51 Chairman Essmann  
00:32:08 Sen. Black  
00:32:26 Chairman Essmann  
00:32:33 Rep. Malek  
00:33:14 Chairman Essmann  
00:33:31 Rep. Wilmer  
00:34:21 Sen. Williams  
00:34:38 Rep. Mendenhall

**Discussion: (Con't)**

00:36:49 Sen. Himmelberger  
00:37:16 Sen. Williams  
00:37:49 Chairman Essmann  
00:38:36 Rep. Malek  
00:38:46 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:39:18 Sen. Black  
00:39:54 Rep. Wilmer  
00:40:21 Sen. Black  
00:40:37 Sheri Heffelfinger, LSD  
00:40:54 Rep. Wilmer  
00:41:31 Sheri Heffelfinger  
00:42:28 Rep. Wilmer  
00:43:09 Sen. Williams  
00:43:49 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:44:17 Sen. Williams  
00:44:31 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:44:42 Rep. Wilmer  
00:45:21 Sheri Heffelfinger  
00:46:19 Rep. Wilmer  
00:46:33 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:47:12 Rep. Wilmer  
00:47:29 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:47:47 Rep. Malek  
00:47:59 Chairman Essmann  
00:48:23 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:48:42 Sen. Williams  
00:49:15 Chairman Essmann  
00:49:26 Rep. Wilmer  
00:49:49 Chairman Essmann  
00:49:59 Rep. Wilmer  
00:50:36 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:51:00 Chairman Essmann  
00:52:53 Rep. Malek  
00:53:15 Sen. Black  
00:53:22 Chairman Essmann  
00:53:58 Rep. Malek  
00:54:05 Sen. Williams  
00:54:21 Rep. Malek  
00:54:29 Sen. Williams  
00:54:56 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:55:34 Chairman Essmann  
00:57:19 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:58:18 Rep. Malek  
00:58:57 Sen. Williams  
00:59:34 Rep. Mendenhall  
01:00:10 Rep. Wilmer  
01:00:44 Chairman Essmann  
01:01:04 Rep. Himmellberger

**Discussion: (Con't)**

01:01:39 Sen. Black  
 01:01:57 Chairman Essmann  
 01:02:34 Sheri Heffelfinger  
 01:03:31 Chairman Essmann  
 01:03:58 Rep. Himmelberger  
 01:05:02 Chairman Essmann  
 01:05:17 Rep. Himmelberger  
 01:05:38 Rep. Malek  
 01:07:10 Sen. Williams  
 01:08:43 Rep. Wilmer  
 01:08:58 Sheri Heffelfinger  
 01:09:48 Sen. Mendenhall  
 01:10:22 Sheri Heffelfinger  
 01:10:41 Rep. Mendenhall  
 01:11:24 Chairman Essmann  
 01:12:12 Rep. Malek  
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 01:24:46 Chairman Essmann  
 01:25:12 Rep. Malek  
 01:25:47 Rep. Wilmer  
 01:26:25 Chairman Essmann  
  
 01:28:19 Sen. Black withdrew motion that **SB 348 BE AMENDED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

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Debra L. Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([frs80sb0348aad.pdf](#))**